



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time, 14 August 2025

Remembrance of the Dormition of Mary, Mother of Our Lord

*“One should honor Mary as she herself wished and as she expressed it in the Magnificat. She praised God for his deeds. How then can we praise her? The true honor of Mary is the honor of God, the praise of God’s grace.. . Mary is nothing for the sake of herself, but for the sake of Christ...Mary does not wish that we come to her, but through her to God.”*

*Martin Luther, Explanation of the Magnificat, 1521*

O God, open my lips **and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who believed

**that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.**

**Let us glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt God’s name together.

O God, open my lips **and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Venite : O Come

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us  
rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and  
raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.**

For ADONAI is a great God and a ruler great above all gods.

**In God’s hand are all the depths of the earth, and  
the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is our God’s for he made it, and God’s hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and bend the knee, and kneel before ADONAI our Maker.**

For God is our God, **and we are the people of God’s pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE MAGNIFICAT LUKE 1:46-55

“My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
**<sup>50</sup>God's mercy is for those who fear him  
from every generation.**  
<sup>51</sup>God has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit  
**<sup>52</sup>God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;**  
<sup>53</sup>God has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
**<sup>54</sup>God has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham's and Sarah's descendants forever."  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray: God our creator, you have given us work to do and call us to use our talents for the good of all. Guide us as we work, and teach us to live in the Spirit who made us your sons and daughters, in the love that made us sisters and brothers, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Word

### READINGS

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
<sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. *Galatians 4:4-7*

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the infant leaped in her womb and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

*Luke 1:39-45*

*Following the Psalms and readings there is a time of silence for reflection.  
The silence concludes:*

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, amen.**

*The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; God has come to his people and set them free.  
***God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.***

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.  
***God promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.***

This was the oath God swore to our ancestors Sarah and Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

***You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.***

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

## Prayer

In Christ is healing and life, wholeness and salvation: let us bring the needs of our lives, our neighbors and our community to God.

*A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.*

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the dawn of a new day. Especially we thank you—  
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .  
for our new life in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .  
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .  
for the communion of faith in your church . . .  
for all working for health and wholeness, justice and peace...  
for the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ Jesus, who glorified your name,  
and by her obedience bore our salvation into the world.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in our living Christ, the source of wholeness and salvation.

*Other thanksgivings may be added.*

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in our living Christ, the source of wholeness and salvation.  
Especially we pray that:

You will lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things...  
Your mercy will pour out like streams of living water...  
You will satisfy those longing for peace and righteousness...  
With the strength of your arm You will humble all who oppress your children  
and bring division to the nations ...

For those experiencing homelessness, want, or food insecurity. . .  
for all laid off, without a fair and safe workplace,  
all whose employment or business is at risk . . .  
for all affected by fire, flood, famine or storm. . .  
for those oppressed for their faith . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Wisdom: Be with teachers and learners, administrators and all staff as they prepare for a new school year. Guard and guide them, strengthen and enrich them. Make all the places we learn safe, welcoming and accessible to all who seek knowledge. Hear us now in the words our Savior taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and glory,**

**Forever and ever, Amen!**

## Blessing & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless our days and our deeds with peace. **Amen.**

*We go about our day knowing the peace and presence of Christ*